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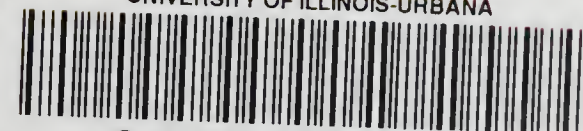
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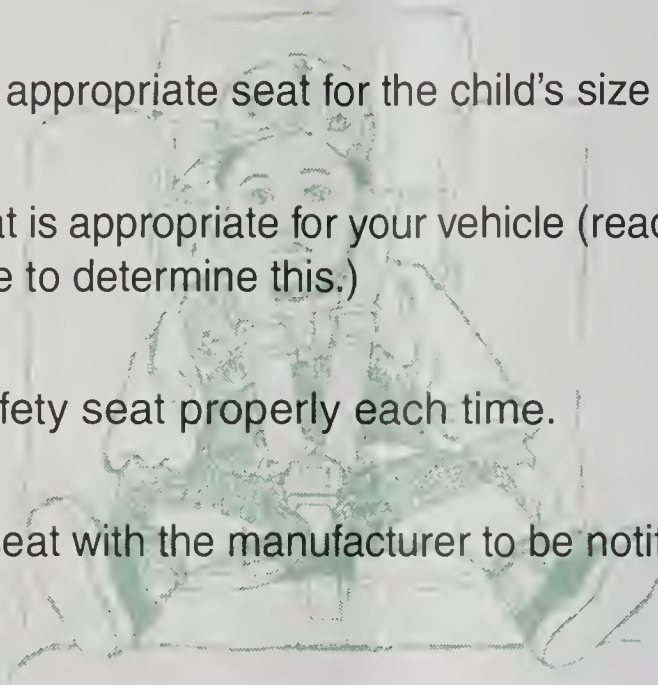
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CHILD SAFETY SEATS

THE FOUR GOLDEN RULES TO CHILD SAFETY SEATS

1. Be sure your child is in the appropriate seat for the child's size and weight.
2. Be sure the child safety seat is appropriate for your vehicle (read the owner's manual for both the child safety seat and your vehicle to determine this.)
3. Place your child in the safety seat properly each time.
4. Register your child safety seat with the manufacturer to be notified of any recalls that may affect your child safety seat.



THE LAW

The Child Passenger Protection Act was established to protect the health and safety of children through the proper use of "approved child restraint systems."* Significant provisions of the Act include:

Children under age eight must be secured in a child safety seat.

Persons eight to 16 years of age must be secured in a properly adjusted seat belt regardless of seat position in the vehicle.

All persons under the age of 18 must be secured by a child safety seat or safety belt when the vehicle they are riding in is driven by a person under the age of 18.

Parents or legal guardians of a child under eight are responsible for providing an approved child safety seat to anyone who transports his or her child.

*"Approved child restraint systems" refers to any device which meets the standards of the United States Department of Transportation.

WARNING: Never place a baby in a rear facing safety seat in a vehicle which has a front passenger side air bag. All children 12 and under should ride in the back seat.

SEAT BELTS

WEARING YOUR SEAT BELT CORRECTLY

- ✓ Lap belts, as well as the lap portion of a lap/shoulder belt combination, should be adjusted so that they lie low across the hips and over the upper thighs. Lap belts should not lie across the abdomen. To be most effective, they must lie over the pelvis, one of the stronger bones of the body. Adjust the lap belt so that it is snug. Any slack allows the body to move around during a crash and increases the risk of injury.
- ✓ The shoulder belt should lie across the chest and over the collarbone with little, if any, slack. It should not lie across the front of the neck or face.
- ✓ Lap/shoulder seat belts, when used, reduce the risk of fatal injury to front seat car occupants by 45 percent and the risk of moderate-to-critical injury by 50 percent.
- ✓ For light truck occupants, seat belts reduce the risk of fatal injury by 60 percent.

THE LAW

Illinois law states that:

- Each driver and front seat passenger of a motor vehicle must wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat safety belt.
- Each driver of a motor vehicle transporting a child less than 16 years of age shall secure that child in either a child restraint system or in a properly adjusted seat safety belt.
- No person may operate a 1965 or later model vehicle unless the front seats are equipped with two sets of safety belts.

The Illinois Graduated Licensing System requires all passengers under the age of 18 to wear a safety belt when riding in a vehicle being driven by a person under the age of 18. If a graduated driver's license holder is under the age of 18 when they receive their license, they must not, for the first six months or until they reach the age of 18, operate a vehicle with more than one passenger under the age of 20, unless the passenger(s) is a sibling(s), step-sibling(s), children, or step-children of the driver.

Under these Child Passenger Protection Act guidelines a child:

- Under the age of eight must be secured in a child safety seat.
- Eight years of age, but less than 16, must be secured in a seat belt.

Sixteen- and 17-year-olds must be secured by a safety belt when the vehicle they are riding in is driven by a person under the age of 18.

CHILD SAFETY SEATS

ARE YOU USING YOUR CHILD SAFETY SEAT CORRECTLY?

- ✓ Is the safety belt routed through and around the child safety seat correctly, according to the manufacturer's instructions?
- ✓ Is the safety belt tight and a locking clip being used if necessary?
- ✓ Is the infant safety seat facing backward, not forward?
- ✓ If the seat comes with a harness:
 - ✓ Is the child snugly secured by the harness?
 - ✓ Is the crotch strap adjusted as short as possible?
 - ✓ Do the lower straps or partial shield rest on or across your child's hips, not abdomen?
 - ✓ Are the shoulder straps snug against the child's chest?
 - ✓ Are the shoulder straps in the proper slots — *BELOW* the shoulder for a rear facing seat or *ABOVE* the shoulder for a *forward facing* seat?
 - ✓ If there is a retainer strap or clip to keep the shoulder straps in place, is it secured at armpit level according to the manufacturer's instructions?
 - ✓ Is the shield portion of the seat in the proper position ?
 - ✓ Does the booster seat have the needed upper body support — a lap/shoulder belt, tethered harness, or shield?

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